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also appropriate \$250,000 from the General Fund to the Nebraska Internet Enhancement Fund. If you recall, this is the fund that would receive a portion of the lease payments if dark fiber is leased, and then the fund would be available for grant applications to cities or counties, political subdivisions who wanted to access money to help increase or improve their infrastructure for telecommunications. That's what it does, and it is...it's a one-time \$250,000. It is not \$250,000 per...per year. It's simply one one-time appropriation. And so I'd be glad to answer questions, Mr. Speaker, if there are any, but that I think is an explanation of the A bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: You've heard the opening. Debate on advancement? Senator Bromm, you're recognized to close. He waives closing. The question is the advancement of LB 827A. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Members, would you please vote if you care to? Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 827A.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: LB 827A advances. We next move to General File Speaker Priority Bills. LB 242, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: LB 242, Mr. President, by Senator Wickersham. (Read title.) The bill was referred to the Government Committee after introduction in January. The committee reported the bill to General File. It's been discussed on two separate occasions, April 4 and again on April 17. Senator Raikes and Senator Wickersham...Senator Raikes had an amendment adopted to the bill, Mr. President. When the Legislature left the bill on April 17, pending was Senator Wickersham's AM1429. (Legislative Journal page 1455.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Wickersham, would you just give us a brief reminder of what this amendment is and does?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The amendment, AM1429, is an amendment that is cosponsored by myself and Senator Quandahl. It addresses an issue of what can be done with public resources on ballot issues and on candidate...in